BEFORE THE ARIZONA BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY

| In the matter of |) NO.) CONSENT TO ENTRY |
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| FRANCIS WHITLOW, D.O. | |
| Holder of License Number 1569 For the Practice of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery In the State of Arizona |) OF ORDER)) |

A complaint charging Francis Whitlow, D.O., holder of license number 1569 for the practice of Medicine and Surgery in the State of Arizona has been received by the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery. The complaint alleged Francis Whitlow was engaged in various unprofessional conduct proscribed by A.R.S. § § 32-1854(5) and 32-1854(19) and 32-1801 et seq., see also A.A.C. R4-2201 et seq. including prescribing controlled substances for other than accepted theraputic purposes and conduct injurious to the health, welfare and safety of the patient or the public.

In lieu of formal hearing and as a final disposition of this matter, Francis Whitlow, D.O.:

- Admits the truth and accuracy of the attached Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law;
- 2. Consents to the entry of the attached Order and agrees to abide by its terms;
- 3. Acknowledges that certain investigative material prepared and received by the Board concerning the violations and all related exhibits, notices and pleadings may be retained.

The material so retained is the Board's file and record of this entire matter;

- 4. Waives all rights to a hearing, re-hearing, appeal, or judicial review relating to the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Order;
- 5. Agrees that the attached Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Order shall be conclusive evidence of a violation of A.R.S. § 32-1854(19), and may be used for any lawful purposes, relating to licensure, re-licensure, and/or the determination of any sanctions in any future disciplinary matters before any regulatory agency in the State of Arizona;
- 6. Understands counsel may be consulted prior to entering into this Consent to Entry of Order and represents that such consultation has been obtained;
- 7. Understands this Consent to Entry of Order and the terms and provision hereof, and the effect of said terms and provisions, and consents and agrees to be bound hereby, specifically including by way illustration but not limitation, the terms and conditions of the Order contained herein;
- 8. Agrees that this Consent to Entry of Order will be effective upon its acceptance by the Board;
- 9. Agrees that the word "Respondent" as it appears in this Consent of Entry of Order refers to Francis Whitlow, D.O., holder of license number 1569 for practice of osteopathic medicine and surgery in the State of Arizona.

DATED this 8 day of November, 1989.

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Counsel for Respondent

Francis Whitlow, D.O.

Pursuant to the foregoing Consent to Entry of Order and the records and files and admissions in this matter, and good cause appearing, the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery enters the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order:

FINDINGS OF FACTS

- 1. During a period from January 1987 to January 1988, Francis Whitlow prescribed controlled substances and prescription only drugs to patient J.J. in amounts and frequency that cannot be justified based on the diagnosis set forth in the records of J.J.
- 2. During a period from June 1986 through May 1988, Francis Whitlow prescribed controlled substances and prescription only drugs to patient C.R. in amounts and frequency that cannot be justified based on the diagnosis set forth in the records of C.R.
- 3. During a period of time from 1983 through March 1988, Francis Whitlow prescribed controlled substances and prescription only drugs to patient S.M. in amounts and frequency that cannot be justified based on the diagnosis set forth in the records of S.M.
- 4. During a period of time from May 1979 to March 1988, Francis Whitlow prescribed controlled substances and

prescription only drugs to patient Z.B. in amounts and frequency that cannot be justified based on the diagnosis set forth in the records of Z.B.

- 5. During a period of time from November 1982 through March 1988, Francis Whitlow prescribed controlled substances and prescription only drugs to patient R.S. in amounts and frequency that cannot be justified based on the diagnosis set forth in the records of R.S.
- 6. The conduct alleged in paragraphs 1 through 5 of the Findings of Fact constitute unprofessional conduct in violation of A.R.S. § 32-1854(19).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Francis Whitlow, D.O. is the holder of license number 1569 for the practice of Medicine and Surgery in the State of Arizona, issued by the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery.
- 2. The Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in the State of Arizona.
- 3. The Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery has the authority to notice and conduct hearings and discipline its licensees, A.R.S. § 32-1855, A.R.S. § 32-1801, et seq. and A.R.S. § 41-1061 et seq.
- 4. The conduct alleged in paragraphs 1 through 5 of the Findings of Fact represent violations of A.R.S.

§ 32-1854(19) unprofessional conduct, conduct injurious to the health of the patient or the public.

ORDER

THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that license number 1569 issued to Dr. Francis Whitlow, D.O. be revoked. The effective day of revocation shall be the date upon which this Consent Order is accepted by the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery.

Administrative penalty to the Board of Osteopathic Examiners in the instant case in the amount of \$500.00 (FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS) per count as set forth in the Statement of Facts, for a total of \$2,500.00 (TWO THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS). Payment of the Administrative Penalty is due in full no later than 30 days after the date which this Consent and Order is accepted by the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that Respondent shall pay the incurred expenses of the Board's investigation in the instant case in the total amount of \$598.00 (FIVE HUNDRED, NINETY-EIGHT DOLLARS). Payment of the incurred expenses is due in full no later than 30 days after the date which this Consent and Order is accepted by the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery.

ENTERED this Stay of November, 1989.

THE ARIZONA BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY

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